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Arapahoe County announces *Historical Hunt* contest winners as part of 150th anniversary celebration Nov. 1

Littleton, CO --- On Tuesday, Arapahoe County reached its official 150th birthday and celebrated by recognizing the winners of the *Historical Hunt* contest. The contest celebrates Arapahoe County's 150th anniversary and invited modern-day explorers to grab a Pioneer Passport for a tour through history that led them to some of the County's most beautiful, historic and intriguing landmarks.

Each person who completed their Pioneer Passport received a limited edition commemorative coin and was entered to win a variety of prizes. At Tuesday's public hearing, the Arapahoe County Commissioners recognized the lucky residents who received prizes ranging from a \$150 VISA gift card to a foursome at the Broken Tee Englewood Golf Course donated by the City of Englewood.

The winners were JM Fay of unincorporated Arapahoe County, Lucille Tourney of Greenwood Village, Kim Sherer and Julianna Wright of Aurora, and Anita Dudley, Angela Comana and Ellen Latham of Englewood.

"Our thanks to the citizens of Arapahoe County who participated in 150th Anniversary activities throughout the year," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as Board Chairman. "We especially want to recognize all the citizens who participated in our historical hunt. It was great to hear how much fun everyone had visiting sites from Englewood to Deer Trail and seeing the history of Arapahoe County firsthand."

More than 100 residents completed their passport including Aurora resident Roger Olson and his family of five who took a photo journal of their journey across the County. "We had a great deal of fun with the Hunt, and learned a lot of interesting facts about our home county in the process."

As Colorado's first county, its history dates back 156 years to 1855 when Arapahoe County was created as part of the Kansas Territory. In 1861, Congress created the Colorado Territory, and Arapahoe County, which stretched to the Kansas border, was divided up into 17 counties. Denver was the county seat until 1902, when Arapahoe County was split again to create the City and County of Denver, Adams County and the new South Arapahoe County. In 1903, the Colorado General Assembly dropped the "south" and restored the original name to Arapahoe County.

In 1904, after a local election to determine the new county seat, voters selected Littleton over Englewood, where it remains the county seat of Arapahoe County today.

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IMG_3449.jpg – The winners of the Historical Hunt pose with the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners as they celebrate the County’s official 150th anniversary. Pictured: Commissioner Nancy Sharpe, Anita Dudley, Commissioner Frank Weddig, Ellen Latham, Lucille Tourney, Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, Julianna Wright, age 12, JM Fay and Commissioner Nancy Jackson. Not pictured: Commissioner Susan Beckman, Kim Sherer and Angela Comana.

HHuntOlsonFamilyPark – Luke (7), Joshua (9) and Reid (10) Olson pose as the family photographs their journey searching for answers in Arapahoe County’s Pioneer Passport scavenger hunt.